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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line, change the title from "SOCK" to - - SOCK HAVING ACHILLES TENDON PROTECTION - -

Please rewrite paragraph 15, as follows:

-- [0015] In the area of the Achilles tendon, two spacer cushion pads (24, 25) are positioned on both sides of the Achilles tendon. In the example of implementation, the shape of the spacer cushion pads (24, 25) is adjusted to the anatomy of the foot in this area. The spacer cushion pads (24, 25) begin in the area of the heel, and end after tapering down to the cuff (21). A transition piece (26), which likewise extends between the heel area (12) and the cuff (21), and accommodates the Achilles tendon, is placed between the spacer cushion pads (24, 25). The transition piece (26) is made from climate - regulating fabric. The spacer cushion pads (24, 25) are designed in such a manner that they stand out distinctly relative to the transition piece (26) (Figure 2). By that means, it is guaranteed that the Achilles tendon has a sufficient distance from the surrounding footwear. Rubbing - and sliding effects are directly absorbed by the spacer cushion pads, without the Achilles tendon being stressed. - -